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LeadingAge Washington

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2026 - 2027

CABINETS

Cabinets play a vital role in shaping the direction of LeadingAge Washington by fulfilling key functions that reflect the priorities and needs of our members.

This year, we are reevaluating our Cabinet structure to sharpen our focus on the issues that matter most to long-term care providers. In place of the former setting-specific Cabinets — Assisted Living, Nursing Home, CCRC, and Adult Day — we are proposing two new groups designed to drive deeper, more strategic work on behalf of our members. Your responses to this Call for Engagement will help us identify potential Cabinet members once the LeadingAge Washington board makes a final decision on how to structure our Cabinets moving forward.

The **Medicaid & Financial Policy Cabinet** will focus on Medicaid reimbursement rates and the financial policy landscape affecting long-term care providers, ensuring our advocacy on funding and sustainability is grounded in real-world operational experience. We are especially interested in members who work closely with Medicaid billing and reimbursement, have deep familiarity with rate-setting methodologies, or bring a finance or administrative perspective on how funding policy affects day-to-day operations. CFOs, billing directors, administrators, and others with hands-on Medicaid expertise are strongly encouraged to participate.

The **Long-Term Care Policy & Advocacy Cabinet** will take a broad view across the continuum — shaping our annual legislative agenda, providing guidance on regulatory issues, and helping members respond to proposed changes at the state level. This Cabinet will also be the engine of our grassroots advocacy efforts, connecting members directly with legislators, helping to coordinate statehouse visits, and mobilizing the provider community when it counts most. Members who are passionate about making their voice heard in Olympia and who want to build relationships with lawmakers are exactly who we are looking for.

Finance & Audit Committee

10-12 meetings/year

Authorized by the Board of Directors, the Finance & Audit Committee oversees the Association's financial matters.

Workforce Solutions Council

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm

The Workforce Solutions Council brings together HR professionals in senior care and aging services to discuss current workforce challenges, share insights, and learn from one another. Topics include recruitment and retention strategies, changes in state and federal employment law, wage and hour lawsuits, nursing and NAC licensing backlogs, and more. Through candid conversation and shared experience, members gain practical perspectives and a trusted network of colleagues to turn to as questions and challenges arise.

Professional Networks

Groups can be formed at any time based on member interest

Professional Networks are organized by disciplines for mutual support, information sharing, and professional growth. Their meeting purpose is self-determined and ideally co-led by chairs with the support of LeadingAge staff.

Members are automatically added to our networks based on disciplines and invited to participate. Speakers, topics, meeting locations are determined by chairs.

Current Groups & Interactive Calls:

Public Policy & Advocacy: alternating Mondays @ 11:30 am (during legislative session)
Assisted Living Updates & Networking: 2nd Fridays @ 11am
Skilled Nursing Updates: alternating Fridays @ 1:30pm
DNS Professional Network: 3rd Wednesdays @ 12pm
Infection Control Network: 3rd Tuesdays @2:30pm
Activities + Socials Services in Skilled Nursing: 3rd Thursdays @ 3pm
Marketing & Sales: seeking a chairperson
Executive Directors / Administrators: seeking a chairperson
Leaders of Color: seeking a chairperson
Fund Development: seeking a chairperson
Facilities / EVS: quarterly meetings

Advisory Groups

Advisory groups offer guidance on key issues that impact both the Association's work and the day-to-day operations of its members.

Clinical and Regulatory Practices

This advisory group focuses on balancing practice and regulation while supporting quality care, staying informed on certification survey trends, and identifying regulatory issues that could be addressed through advocacy.
This group has now been integrated into the regular SNF and AL Interactive Calls with Laura, and all are invited to attend and participate in those discussions.

Education Planning (3-6 meetings/year)

The Education Planning Advisory Group offers guidance on the professional development and training needs of all member segments. Members provide input on priorities for educational programming, including suggestions for enhancing signature events such as the Fall Leadership Summit and Annual Conference. This includes offering feedback on educational content, exhibits, social events, and networking opportunities. The group may also be invited to review themes and trends to help ensure conference programming remains timely, relevant, and impactful.

Member Recognition (1 meeting/year)

The Member Recognition Advisory Group is comprised of committee and cabinet chairs and is chaired by the Immediate Past-Chair of the Board. The group determines award categories, selects winners from the pool of nominees, and identifies meaningful ways to share their stories to increase public awareness and recognition of the field.

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If you wish to share your time and talent and/or continue your work with LeadingAge Washington, please check the box to the left of the committee, cabinets, councils, and advisory groups on which you would like to serve.

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